

U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) today fought to prevent any disruption to the ongoing clean-up and containment efforts currently underway in the Gulf by voting in support of S. 3473.

[**VIDEO: Watch Congressman Boyd on the House Floor rally support for S. 3473.**](#)

“Our communities are already feeling significant economic and environmental effects from the spill, and more needs to be done at every level to respond to this crisis. But one thing I will not tolerate is for there to be any disruption to the ongoing clean-up and containment efforts currently underway in the Gulf,” said Congressman Boyd. “This bill allows the federal government to provide advance funding to sustain and support the clean-up and containment efforts currently underway, ensuring that the men and women fighting to contain this disaster have the resources they need to continue this important work. But make no mistake: BP will be the ultimate financier of these efforts, and they can expect to receive a hefty bill once the total cost is determined.”

To date, federal clean-up and containment efforts have been paid for through the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. However, under current law, only \$100 million can be drawn from the fund to finance emergency response efforts after an accident, and without action that limit is set to be reached on or about June 15. S. 3473 amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and authorizes the federal government to make advances from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to continue funding federal clean-up and containment efforts currently underway in the Gulf.

At the same time efforts are underway to contain the current crisis, Congressman Boyd believes proactive steps must be taken to ensure this terrible situation does not become even worse. On Monday, June 14, Congressman Boyd will convene local, state and federal officials and key stakeholders to develop a comprehensive, federal preparedness and recovery plan in preparation for a possible hurricane or tropical storm striking the Gulf Coast in the coming months. The plan will specifically take into account the unique circumstances posed by having oil in Gulf waters and will seek to establish a military and civilian command and control structure to coordinate what actions need to be taken before, during, and after a possible storm. The conference will take place at Florida State University-Panama City campus.

S. 3473 passed in the House today by a vote of 410-0 . It passed unanimously in the Senate yesterday and will now head the President for his signature.

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